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Report from Tampico—Inspection of vessels—Yellow fever and small-pox—Spread of yellow fever by railway and river communication.

Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon Lippincott reports, July 28, as follows:

Week ended July 25, 1903.

There were 9 bills of health issued.

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| Vessels inspected and passed | 7 |
| Vessels disinfected and passed | 2 |
| Personnel of crews | 283 |
| Passengers | 22 |
| Baggage | pieces.. 33 |

There were during the week 63 deaths from all causes, of which 40 were from yellow fever, 1 from smallpox, 1 from pernicious fever, 4 from tuberculosis, and 17 from noncontagious causes.

During the week there were 42 new cases of yellow fever officially reported, and left from last week 32, making a total for the week of 74.

There has been apparently no change in the situation, and I have learned that the infection has passed the quarantine station on the Monterey and Gulf Railroad and that various cases are reported at Linares, a point about 400 kilometers from this port. Also by the Central Railroad cases have been reported at Ciudad Valles, about 100 kilometers distant, and by river communication at Panuco, about 32 kilometers. It will be seen that the infection is fast spreading to the surrounding country, both by railroad and river communication.

The shipping up to the present time has been free from infection.

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Reports from Bluefields, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Goodman reports as follows: Week ended July 18, 1903. Present officially estimated population, 4,000; 1 death; prevailing disease, malarial fever of mild type. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

A bill of health was issued to the following-named vessel:

| Date. | Name of vessel. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
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| July 15 | Condor | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Week ended July 25, 1903: Number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, acute bronchitis and malarial affections. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

| Date. | Name of vessel. | Number of crew. | Number of passengers from this port. | Number of passengers in transit. | Pieces of baggage disinfected. |
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| July 20 | Geo. W. Kelley | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 | Utstein | 16 | 14 | 0 | 25 |